

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife
1505 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT No. F12-3424 (I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
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AND

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on April 12, 2007, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following size and creel limits on sport fish and lake closures/openings. This was done under authority of Sections 49-7-41 and 49-1-29, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice F11-3424 is hereby amended and all regulations below are adopted.

Statewide creel limits on game and sport fish are as follows:

Species	Creel Per Day
Black Bass (combined largemouth, spotted and smallmouth)	10
Sauger	15
Walleye	3
Striped Bass and Hybrids with 15" minimum size	6 *
Crappie (combined black and white)	30 *
Bream (combined bluegill, redear and other sunfish)	100
Alligator Gar	2
Paddlefish	2 **

* Creel limits for crappie, striped bass, and striped bass hybrids in waters touched by the state boundary (border waters) shall be that of the adjacent state, or the Mississippi limit, whichever is greater.

** Paddlefish greater than 30" must be immediately released when caught sport fishing in Mississippi. Paddlefish are measured from the back of the eye to the fork of the tail. No paddlefish harvest is allowed in the Tenn-Tom Waterway, Tombigbee River or its tributaries.

Harvest and possession of all sturgeon species (Alabama, Atlantic, Pallid and Shovelnose) are prohibited in all Mississippi waters.

Be it ordered that the correct method for measuring fish and the definitions for length limits are as follows:

Correct Method for Measuring Fish Length

Fish measurements for length limit regulations shall be taken with the total length being measured using a flatboard with fish mouth closed and tail squeezed together to give the maximum over-all measurement. Paddlefish are measured from the back of the eye to the fork of the tail.

Minimum Length Limit (MLL)

All fish on or less than the regulated size length in inches must be returned to the water immediately after capture and may not be in possession on the designated waters. All fish over the minimum length limit in total length may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

Slot Length Limit (SLL)

All fish on or between the designated range of lengths in inches must be returned to the water immediately upon capture and may not be in possession on designated waters. All fish shorter than the lowest length limit and all fish longer than the highest length limit may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

Be it further ordered until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following MLL and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for crappie (combined black and white crappie):

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Sardis Lake	Lafayette, Marshall, Panola	10" MLL	30
Enid Lake	Yalobusha, Lafayette, Panola	10" MLL	30
Arkabutla Lake	Tate, Desoto	10" MLL	30
Grenada Lake	Grenada, Calhoun, Yalobusha	12" MLL	30 (5 under 12")
Okatibbee Reservoir	Lauderdale	10" MLL	30
Moon Lake (includes part east of Hwy 1)	Coahoma	10" MLL	30 (5 under 10")
Lake Washington	Washington	10" MLL	30 (5 under 10")
Pickwick & Tenn-Tom Waterway	Hwy 25 in Divide Section to Aliceville Lock & Dam	9" MLL	30

Be it further ordered that each person with a valid sport fishing license or those exempt under 49-7-5 may fish no more than three (3) poles with two (2) hooks or lures per pole while fishing on Grenada Lake (Grenada, Calhoun and Yalobusha Counties).

Be it further ordered until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following length and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for black bass (combined largemouth, spotted and smallmouth):

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Eagle Lake	Warren	16" MLL	10
Malmaisson WMA Lakes	Grenada	15" MLL	2
Hamer WMA Ponds	Panola		0
Olive Branch CAP	Desoto	15" MLL	2
Lake Tom Bailey	Lauderdale	15" MLL	5 (1 over 20")
Lake Washington	Washington	15" MLL	5 (2 under 15")
Ross Barnett Reservoir	Madison, Rankin, Leake, Hinds, Scott	15" MLL	7
Percy Quinn State Park	Pike	14-18" SLL	10
Lake Mike Conner	Covington	14-18" SLL	10 (1 over 18")
Holmes County State PK	Holmes	14-18" SLL	10 (3 over 18")
Lake Columbia	Marion	14-18" SLL	5 (1 over 18")
Lake Lincoln State Park	Lincoln	14-18" SLL	5 (1 over 18")
Natchez State Park	Adams	18-22" SLL	7 (1 over 22")
Sardis Lake	Lafayette, Marshall, Panola	16-20" SLL	7 (3 over 20")
Enid Lake	Yalobusha, Lafayette, Panola	16-20" SLL	7 (3 over 20")
Neshoba Co. Lake	Neshoba	16-20" SLL	10 (1 over 20")
Lake Calling Panther	Copiah	18-22" SLL	10 (1 over 22")
Paul B. Johnson State Park	Forrest	18-22" SLL	10 (1 over 22")
Lake Bill Waller *	Marion	18-22" SLL	10 (1 over 22")
Lake Bolivar (Scott, MS)	Bolivar	None	2
Moon Lake	Coahoma (includes part east of Hwy 1)	None	2
Atchafalaya Bayou	Humphreys	None	2
Little Eagle Lake	Humphreys	None	2
Leroy Percy State Park	Washington	None	2
Lake Jackson	Washington	None	2
Wolf/Broad Lake	Yazoo, Humphreys	None	2
RecCon Lake	Bolivar	None	2
Arkabutla Lake	Desoto, Tate	None	7
Grenada Lake	Grenada, Calhoun, Yalobusha	None	7

*** Lake Bill Waller Special Rules:**

Rules for Reserved Public Fishing:

1. Only randomly selected anglers may fish from Oct 1 to Nov. 15, 2007.
2. Only randomly selected anglers may fish from Jan. 15 to April 30.
3. Applicant selections are only good for the day chosen, no rain checks.
4. Selected applicants must be at least 16 years old on the day of their reservation.
5. Fishing is from boat only and selected applicants may bring up to three guests but all must fish from the same boat and comply with the boat capacity rating.

Rules for Open Public Fishing:

1. Fishing is open to the general public from May 1 to Nov. 15.

Rules for ALL Bill Waller Anglers:

1. Fill out and leave a daily creel card in a designated deposit box at the lake immediately after each fishing trip.
2. Boat platforms (used to elevate the angler) that extend more than 24" above the boat gunnels are prohibited.
3. A valid State Lake permit must be purchased prior to fishing.
4. All bass from 18-22" must be released immediately. The daily bag limit for bass is 10 but only one (1) can be over 22".
5. Fishing shall be from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
6. Fishing will be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays and from Nov. 16 to Jan. 14.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, 1505 Eastover Dr., Jackson, MS 39211 no later than May 12, 2007.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKSBY: 

William C. Deviney Jr., Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKSBY: 

Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director